The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" Yes, Sir, some concession is shown in the case of Harijans and backward classes and in the matter of promotion also we take into consideration all these factors."

Retrenchment of fieldmen in Agriculture Department.

* 339 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to effect retrenchment in the number of fieldmen in the Madras State?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" The Government are considering the question of re-organizing the set up of the Field staff in the Agricultural department."

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN:—" Will the Government give a guarantee that the existing fieldmen would not be sent home? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" Sir, there are permanent fieldmen and there may be temporary hands also. So the Government cannot give any guarantee regarding their future. We are examining the whole question so as to have more field workers in order to give effective aid to the ryots."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM:—" Sir, what are the educational and technical qualifications necessary for a fieldman and in view of the retrenchment that is pending before the Government, are we to understand that the existing fieldmen do not possess the requisite qualification? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" Sir, I have already answered in reply to another question that S.S.L.C. candidates are recruited as fieldmen and they are given a course of training and then they are appointed as fieldmen. But we are now considering the whole proposal in order to have more maistries who would do the work without adding to the financial commitments."

Sri K. R. SAMBANDAM:—" இந்த 'Fieldman' உத்தியோகத்தில் இருப்பவர்கள், வேறு உத்தியோகத்திற்கு தகுதியுள்ளவார்களாக இருந்தால், க்ளார்க்குகளாகவும் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளுவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா ? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" I can consider the suggestion, Sir."

Number of South Indians sent back from Malaya and Ceylon.

* 340 *Q.*—Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Madras Government have any details as to how many people of this State were sent back from Ceylon and Singapore from January to July 1953; and

(*b*) of those, how many were Tamils, Malayalees and Canarese?